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LOUISA GAINED FIFTY PER CENT

CENSUS REPORT JUST ISSUED SHOWS LARGE GROWTH FOR CITY, BUT LOSS FOR LAWRENCE COUNTY.

The 1920 census gives the population of Louisa 2011 as against 1356 in 1910. This is practically 50 per cent increase, which is a very creditable showing, especially when no organized effort was made within that period to boost the town. Louisa had 1099 in 1900.

The county of Lawrence, however, has made a very bad record, having lost 12.1 per cent. The 1920 figures are 17,643 against 20,077 in 1910, and 19,412 in 1900. This loss is due to bad roads more than anything else. We have repeatedly called attention to the fact that people were leaving the county for this reason, but we are surprised at the extent of the migration.

Nothing more serious could happen to a county than the loss of the class of people who aspire to better conditions strongly enough to break loose from home ties and go out into strange lands. They have energy and ambition, the qualities that produce things needed in every community.

The town of Blaine shows 103 population compared with 136 in 1910, and 134 in 1900. Palsburg 87 against 134 in 1910 and 159 in 1900.

Morgan county has increased 259 in 10 years, the total now being 15,515. West Liberty, the county seat, has 461 as compared with 442, a gain of 19 persons.

The magisterial districts showing the greatest loss were 4, 5 and 7, which include the two districts surrounding the town of Blaine, and the Palsburg district.

Population of Wayne County, West Virginia

The new census gives our neighbor county of Wayne, W. Va., 25,012 a gain of about 2000 over 10 years ago.

Fort Gay has 617 people. Ceredo 1110, as against 1215 ten years ago and 1279 in 1900.

Wayne has 861. Kenova is the largest city, having 2162, a gain of more than 100 per cent in 10 years.

MRS. STEWART APPOINTED TO DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Washington.—Women are going to play an important part for the Democratic party in both the national and Congressional campaigns and one of them is Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, Kentucky.

The Democratic National Congressional Committee has put five women on its executive committee. It is announced by Chairman H. D. Flood. These women are Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, Mrs. Kent Hughes, Ohio; Mrs. Howard Wilson, Illinois; Mrs. Mary Foy, California, and Mrs. William M. Ichauz, Virginia.

CENSUS REPORT ON SOME MOUNTAIN TOWNS

Johnson County—Paintsville, 1,353, compared with 942 in 1910 and 541 in 1900; Van Lear, 2,056, and Whitesboro, 320.

Letcher—Whitesburg, 706, compared with 321 in 1910 and 194 in 1900; Jenkins, 4,707; McRoberts, 2,146; Blackey, 2,691; Fleming, 887; Neon, 493, Seco, 548.

Magoffin—Salyersville, 412, compared with 310 in 1910 and 265 in 1900.

SCHOOL TO SEEK FUNDS TO HUNT FOR THE SLAYER OF MOUNTAIN TEACHER

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 29.—Since the officials of Harlan county have been unable to solve the mystery of the assault and murder of Miss Laura Parsons, teacher of Pine Mountain Settlement School, the institution has taken up the task of running down the criminal and in lieu of endowment to push search has appealed to the public for funds to aid in the detection and prosecution of the guilty person.

Governor Morrow has offered a reward of \$500 to aid the fund.

The Harlan county grand jury adjourned without returning any indictments in the case.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR OCTOBER 1st AND 2nd

The Wayne County Fair will be held at the county seat Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2. An enjoyable time is anticipated and a number of cash prizes will be awarded. At 11 o'clock a. m. on each day Bob Shank will give an airplane exhibition.

HARDING AT ASHLAND

A special train on the Big Sandy division carried about 200 Republicans to Ashland Wednesday to hear Senator Harding speak. There was room on the train for about twice as many as went.

The special train was annulled for the return trip and the people came back on the regular train.

BUY A HOME.

Instead of paying rent why don't you buy a home. We will make terms almost as easy as paying rent.

It is said the United States is short on million homes and it will be a long time before the pressure is relieved.

CONLEY & SPYDER, Louisa, Ky.

DR. MARCUM IN AUTO WRECK.

As Dr. F. D. Marcum was on his way to see a patient last Friday night, about the midnight hour, in backing his automobile from a railroad track, near Neal station, the machine went over an embankment and the doctor was pinned beneath the wreck and unable to extricate himself. He remained in the precarious and uncomfortable position until 7 o'clock Saturday morning when he was discovered by the railroad section men and released from under the car. He had three ribs broken but was not dangerously hurt. He did not get to see his patient, but Dr. Rife was summoned and was not aware that another physician was a prisoner by the wayside as he passed along. The automobile was not badly damaged.—Ceredo Advance.

CENSUS OF SEVERAL EASTERN KENTUCKY COUNTIES

Wolfe county decreased 11 per cent in 10 years.

Harlan increased 19.5.

Johnson county increased 12.2.

Magoffin gained 1.5.

Letcher grew 130.7, the largest increase yet reported for any county. It is due to the coal development.

MASKED MEN PLY BOOTLEGGER'S TRADE

Prestonsburg, Ky.—Masked men, who walked the streets of Hueysville Monday night were bootleggers from Quicksand Creek. Knott county, officers learned today. They were disguised so that buyers of their wares could not swear to their identity before the grand jury.

TWO MILLIONS FOR BIG SANDY

\$2,000,000 have been appropriated by the C. & O. railroad for improving the Big Sandy division. The roadbed is to be repaired and improved, sidings are to be very greatly lengthened, grades reduced, and other needed betterments made.

This is not coming any too soon. The service is very poor and wrecks occur almost every day because of the bad condition of tracks. There is no busier piece of road than the Big Sandy division and the valley is developing as fast as the limited railroad facilities will permit. A double track is the greatest need.

Hotel at Garrett, Ky., Damaged by Explosion

The Bolen Hotel at Garrett, Floyd county, was partially wrecked Monday morning about 3 o'clock by an explosion of dynamite. A store adjoining the building was also damaged. Two men were slightly injured. They are P. D. Cubeller and Frank Davis, union labor organizers. There is no clue to the persons who caused the explosion. The loss is about \$20,000.

Miss Nellie Peters and M. J. Murphy Married

This announcement will be news to many friends of the young couple, Miss Nellie Peters and Mr. Marcellus James Murphy.

They were married at the Hotel Ventura in Ashland on Wednesday evening of this week, by Rev. Cline, so we are informed. Only one or two friends witnessed the ceremony.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Peters and is an attractive young lady. Mr. Murphy is a brother of Mrs. W. H. Castner, of Louisa. He is in the employ of the C. & O. railroad, with headquarters at Logan, W. Va.

These worthy young people will have the best wishes of a long list of friends.

U. S. Troops to be Withdrawn from Mingo

Gov. Corawell has agreed to have the soldiers withdrawn from the Mingo. W. Va. coal fields when Sheriff Blankenship appoints 100 deputy sheriffs to maintain order. The men are to be approved by Judge Damron.

COUNTY JUDGE'S SALARY.

The salary paid the Judge of the Lawrence County Court is ridiculously low, being only \$800.

The only way to increase it is for the fiscal court to make an order to take effect for the next term. The law prohibits an increase for any officer already installed.

This is a matter that should receive the attention of the court in time. No man in moderate circumstances can afford to take this office for the present salary and devote the time to it that the interests of the public demand.

SEVEN YEARS FOR HANNAH.

The unwritten law failed to free Ellen M. Hannah, who shot and killed Jim Dillon at Diggins a few weeks ago, the jury returning a verdict of murder in the second degree. Hannah was sentenced Tuesday morning by Judge Damron to serve seven years in the penitentiary.

ENTIRELY SATISFIED.

(Conversation overheard on a street in Louisa this week)

"Are you going to Ashland to hear Harding speak?"

"No. I heard Hughes in Louisa four years ago."

TWO CONVICTIONS FOR FELONIES

MILT CAPERTON AND JOHNNIE JARRELL GET PRISON SENTENCES.

In the Lawrence Circuit Court Mil Caperton was given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary for striking Mr. Clay with a deadly weapon. Mr. Clay is about 65 years old and was summoned to help the Marshal of Louisa put Caperton in the city jail. It was while resisting that he struck Mr. Clay.

Two other cases against him were continued. An effort is being made to secure a new trial.

Johnnie Jarrell, indicted for robbing D. C. Spencer's store, pleaded guilty and agreed to accept a sentence of two years in the penitentiary. The Commonwealth's Attorney agreed to accept that kind of a verdict. G. W. Castle, attorney for Jarrell, made a talk to the jury in support of this agreement.

Then the jury did a thing that never before occurred in the Lawrence Circuit Court, nor probably elsewhere. Instead of fixing the sentence at two years they cut it to one year. No evidence was heard by the jury. All they knew was that Jarrell confessed and was satisfied with two years. Comment is unnecessary.

Lillie Estep was acquitted on the indictment for issuing a cold check.

MORROW STARTED SOMETHING HE DID NOT EXPECT

The following item demonstrates the great regard in which President Wilson is held by the people. In spite of the organized efforts of politicians to discredit him:

Owensboro, Ky., Sept. 28.—When Governor Edwin P. Morrow, speaking here tonight, first mentioned the name of President Wilson a demonstration followed. "I want those who have been applauding to listen to what I am going to say about the League of Nations covenant," said Governor Morrow when the demonstration subsided.

Pike County Men Confessed Plot to Dynamite Coal Plant

Pikeville, Ky.—Floyd Cheney, who confessed to a plot to blow up the Borderland Coal Company conveyor, and Arlie Ball, whom he implicated in his confession, were brought to jail in Pikeville today.

Cheney was caught last Tuesday night at the Borderland mine with 21 sticks of dynamite in a sack. Fuses with caps attached and ready for use also were found in the sack. Cheney confessed that he planned to destroy the conveyor which carries coal from the mine opening on the Kentucky side of Tug River to the railroad on the West Virginia side.

He later made a written confession in which he charged Ball with having suggested the plan and said that Ball was only seventy-five feet away when Cheney ran into the mine watchman.

Cheney lives in Pike county and formerly was Deputy Sheriff. He later was employed as a watchman by the Borderland company but quit a few weeks ago and joined the union miners.

KENTUCKY OIL OUTPUT IN AUGUST

County	Barrels
Allen	86,843.24
Barren	455.06
Bath	1,948.64
Bell	92,623.76
Benton	212.62
Bledsoe	167.60
Boone	4,421.08
Bourbon	164.62
Boyd	15,583.36
Breathitt	465,532.42
Buckner	3,652.97
Bullitt	15,613.30
Butcher	1,448.95
Cadiz	516.08
Calloway	26,356.77
Carter	31,393.43
Cass	12,395.61
Cecilia	140.87
Cedar	9,281.15
Crittenden	2,297.00
Total	775,004.42

Notorious West Virginia Moonshiner Caught at Louisa

R. A. Stone arrested a man here Wednesday evening said to be known as the "king bee" amongst moonshiners and bootleggers in Boone county, W. Va. His name is Roman Burgess, alias James Thompson. He is under sentence of two years in the penitentiary and sawed his way out of the jail at Madison recently. There is \$100 reward for him.

When arrested he had two bottles of moonshine and in his traveling bag was a worm for a still. The grand jury here has indicted him for having the goods in his possession.

Jas. B. Skirvin, of Ashland, was appointed second alternate candidate for the United States Military Academy at West Point last Thursday. He was recommended by Representative Fields.

UNION MEN WALK OUT.

It was reported in Williamson that all the men employed at Alma-Thacker on Blackberry creek, Kentucky, walked out this week, refusing to continue work under the union agreement recently signed because the wage scale is not up to that of the non-union mines since the recent advance made by the latter.

The Alma-Thacker mine was the second tipple mine in the Williamson field to recognize the union, the first being the Superior Thacker Coal Co. whose mine is in Williamson. Up until about two weeks ago owners of Alma-Thacker refused to recognize the union.—Mingo Republican.

TOBE MOORE BURIED AT HIS OLD HOME

Tobe Moore, 19 years of age, died on Wednesday of last week at the home of his brother, Laud Moore, at Ashland. This young man had been in poor health for several years. The body was brought to Louisa and the burial took place last Friday at Mr. Moore's former home in Lawrence county.

GOING TO ANN ARBOR.

Miss Ella Jay Sturgell accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. D. Sturgell, will leave tomorrow for Ann Arbor, Mich., where she will be a student at the State University. Miss Sturgell was graduated from the Ashland High school as valedictorian of class '20.

Mrs. C. R. Towler and Mrs. J. A. Stewart will go to Cincinnati with Mrs. Sturgell and Miss Ella Jay will remain there until Mrs. Sturgell returns from Ann Arbor.—Ashland Independent.

KENTUCKY OIL ADVANCES 25C

The price of Somerset oil, the name under which Eastern Kentucky oil is known, has advanced from \$4 to \$4.25 per barrel.

This brings it to the highest price ever paid for Somerset.

The re-classification that we have been hoping for has not yet been made. Our people are hoping when this comes it will put Lawrence county oil, as well as that of our neighbor counties, into the 45 class, at least.

In order to make the development of the high grade Berea oil in Kentucky profitable it is necessary for the buyers to pay a better price. It is deep drilling and the wells are not very large on the average.

CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS.

At the meeting of Louisa Chapter No. 25, R. A. M., held last Friday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

G. R. Lewis, H. P.; H. B. Hewlett, King; J. Isralaky, Scribe; W. M. Fulkerson, Secretary; Augustus Snyder, Treasurer; G. R. Burgess, Capt. of Host; E. K. Spencer, Prin. Sol.; O. C. Gartin, R. A. C.; Ollie Heeter, M. 1. V.; L. E. Cooksey, M. 2. V.; Dock Jordan, M. 3. V.; N. D. Waldeck, Sentinel.

Pike County Deputy Sheriff Gets 5 Years

Pikeville, Ky.—Jakie Blankenship was meted out quick justice here when he was given a five-year sentence for shooting and killing Perry Douthan at Middlesboro September 15.

Blankenship was a deputy sheriff, and was employed as guard by the Majestic Collieries, located in the Tug River coal strike zone.

The tragedy took place at night, and had its inception in a number of shots being fired within the mining town.

Blankenship, in quest of the offender, went to the home of Douthan, where after some inquiry and delay, during which Douthan fired his pistol out of the window, Blankenship went inside.

Then, after some discussion and drinking during which Mrs. Douthan intervened to prevent trouble, Blankenship fired the fatal shot.

Blankenship claimed Douthan was pointing his pistol at him. Mrs. Douthan contradicted Blankenship's statement.

Huntington's Population is Over Fifty Thousand

Huntington, W. Va., with a growth of 19,016 during the last decade, falling short by only 222 of its previous record growth of 1910, has advanced into the 50,000 class of cities. Its 1920 population is 50,177. The West Virginia city, which was the 172 city in the country in 1910, in population, now takes the rank of the 143d largest city.

OIL OPERATORS AT ASHLAND.

The oil operators banquet at Ashland last Friday night was a big affair. About 200 persons attended and there were many excellent addresses and a lot of boasting. Hon. J. W. M. Stewart was toastmaster and he did the job in fine style. Among those who responded to toasts were Jas. W. Turner, Jno. E. Buckingham, F. H. Yates, John W. Woods, Judge A. J. Kirk, T. A. Field, and David Browning.

C. & O. FORCE INCREASED.

The heavy business at the C. & O. passenger station in Louisa has necessitated adding another man to the force. S. J. Justice has been assigned to the work. W. H. G. Wellman this gives the company two efficient, all around men, capable of handling all the work promptly.

At the freight depot also the work requires another man and the job has been given to Tom Austin, of Fullers.

M. E. CHURCH APPOINTS PASTORS

REV. JOHN CHEAP, FORMER PASTOR, COMES TO LOUISA AGAIN.

Augusta, Ky., September 27.—The ninety-fourth annual session of the Kentucky Methodist Episcopal Church closed here at noon to-day, Bishop W. F. Anderson, of Cincinnati, presiding.

The following appointments to pastors were read:

Ashland District—W. H. Davenport, District Superintendent; Advance, E. N. Early; Ashland, First Church, T. Howard Jones; Ashland, 2nd Church, J. Davis; East Mayfield, W. H. Morris; Elkhorn, Dora Bridges; Gallup, Ora Sparks; Germantown, J. R. Howes; Greenup, W. R. Fryman; Hellier, J. N. Howes; Louisa, John Cheap; Martin, to be supplied; Olive Hill, J. L. Burton; Paintsville, Isalah Cline; Paintsville Circuit, Ora Sparks; Pikeville, T. B. Ashley; Pikeville Circuit, to be supplied; Salt Lick, S. B. Godbey; Salyersville, to be supplied; Toleboro, N. G. Griswold; Vanceburg, to be supplied; Wolfpit, L. C. Morris.

J. M. Litteral, W. W. Shepherd and O. G. Ragan, are district superintendents.

T. B. Stratton returns to Covington. Wm. Jones, D. D., goes to Jonesville. W. H. Muncey is assigned to Scottsville.

SOLDIERS ARREST MEN NEAR WILLIAMSON, W. VA.

Williamson, W. Va., September 27.—Three men have been arrested by the Federal troops stationed at the plant of the White Star Mining company at Merrimac, W. Va., four miles from this city. They are charged with having been implicated in an exchange of shots near the mine Saturday night. One was said to be a nonunion miner, while the others were credited with being members of the union.

AFTER 27 YEARS.

Lon Davidson was in Louisa a few days ago for the first time in 27 years. He is the oldest son of a preacher who was pastor of the M. E. Church South at Louisa many years ago. Lon is now general manager of an electric railway and lives at Lewisburg, W. Va.

Sam Crabtree Escapes From the Penitentiary

Frankfort, Ky., September 28.—Harry Foster, negro hater, who escaped from the penitentiary here yesterday, was captured early to-day near Midway by Victor Laughlin, a former prison guard. He was returned to the penitentiary.

Sam Crabtree, Johnson county convict, who escaped with Foster, is still at large.

Foster said he did not take the same route as Crabtree when he walked out of the prison stockade. He met a guard, he said, who asked him what he was doing out of the prison. The negro replied he was on his way to the institute for feeble minded to do some work. He asserted the guard did not question him any further and made his way to Woodford county, where he was captured.

The penitentiary is now strictly a modern institution.

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF KENTUCKY

The National Democratic Headquarters is imperatively in need of funds with which to finance the present campaign and has appealed to me to offer an opportunity to the Democrats to aid. This I am pleased to do. Every voter, man or woman, who earnestly desires the election of our ticket is requested to give without delay to the Editor of this paper, who will immediately forward it to John R. Downing, State Treasurer for National Committee, Citizens Union National Bank, Louisville, such voluntary contribution as he or she may care to make. Same will be forwarded promptly to National Headquarters in New York, with name of donor. Contributions, no matter how small, will be accepted and appreciated.

A hearty response to this call is confidently expected.

J. N. CAMDEN, National Committeeman.

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PIE SOCIALS AND ICE CREAM FESTIVALS

At Hicksville.

There will be a pie social at Hicksville Saturday night, Oct. 2, for the benefit of the school. Everybody is cordially invited.

BIRDIE HAYS, Teacher.

At Torchlight.

There will be a pie social at the Torchlight school house next Saturday night, Oct. 2, for the benefit of our school. Girls, come and bring a pie, and boys come and bring your pocket books along with you.

At Mudlick.

There will be an ice cream festival at the Mudlick schoolhouse the second Saturday night in October. Everybody come and bring a big crowd.

PRIORITY CAR ORDER CONTINUES IN FORCE

Washington, September 27.—Representatives of the state of Kentucky and Kentucky coal operators conferred here this afternoon with Commissioner Atchison, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to protest against orders of the commission giving priority on cars to public utilities outside Kentucky.

Following the conference the Kentuckians intimated that they had been given no assurance that the orders would be rescinded, but they said they were hopeful some action would be taken.

The fact that many of the mines in Kentucky are not receiving any cars whatsoever for shipment of coal to consumers in Kentucky, as a result of the orders given priority outside the state, was pointed out to the Commissioner, and specific instances where mines would be forced to close down unless cars can be obtained were cited.

HAY-NOLEN.

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, a quiet and pretty wedding occurred at the home of Rev. H. B. Hewlett, in Louisa, the groom being Mr. Vint Nolen, son of Ferguson Nolen, of Madge, and the bride Miss Blanche Hay, one of the pretty and attractive daughters of M. A. Hay, ex-county Court Clerk of this county.

Only a few relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. They will reside on a farm about three miles northwest of Louisa, which Mr. Nolen purchased a short time ago.

They are an intelligent and promising couple and all their friends join in wishing them much joy and all the happiness that this life can afford.

A FRIEND.

AT FRENCH LICK.

Dr. A. P. Banfield and Mr. J. B. Sanford returned Friday from a happy and most beneficial stay at French Lick, Ind. Both are feeling fine and are also looking fine. Among nearby Kentuckians whom they left there were Attorney R. S. Dinkle and James McLean of this city, Hon. John W. Langley, of Pikeville, Dr. Darwin Callahan of Prestonsburg, Dr. Ed Cecil, formerly of this city now of Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Sine Collinsworth and daughter.—Catlettsburg items.

DEATH OF DAYTON STALEY.

Dayton Staley, aged 30, died at his home at Neal, W. Va., of brain trouble. He had been taken to John Hopkins and other famous institutions in the hope of having a cure effected. He is survived by a wife, his father, Henry Staley, and several brothers. His wife was a Miss Akers, niece of W. R. Akers of Catlettsburg.